

The Fourth United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme Outcomes of the Fourth Session of the UN Environment Assembly

Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production

3<sup>rd</sup> Africa Animal Welfare Conference Addis Ababa, September 2 – 4, 2019

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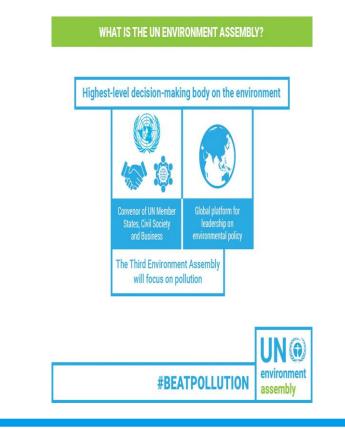
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### The United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment. UNEA enjoys the universal membership of all 193 UN Member States and the full involvement of major groups and stakeholders. It gathers ministers of environment in Nairobi, Kenya every 2 years.



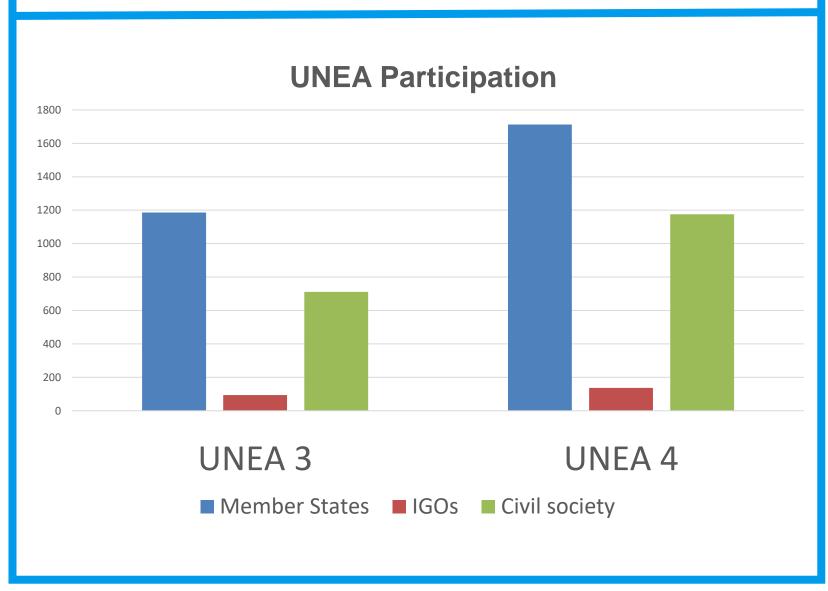
### The 2019 UN Environment Assembly

- Open Ended CPR (March 4 -8)
- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (March 7 8)
- Science-Policy-Business Forum (March 9 10)
- UNEA (March 11 15): Innovative Solutions to Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (March 14)
- Green Tent (March 11 15)
- Sustainable Innovation Expo (11 15)
- Faith and Earth Meetings (March 11 15)
- SDG Innovation Talks (March 11 15)
- Marine Litter Partnership (March 11 15)
- One Planet Summit (March 12)
- Cities Summit (March 13)

### UNEA 4 – participation

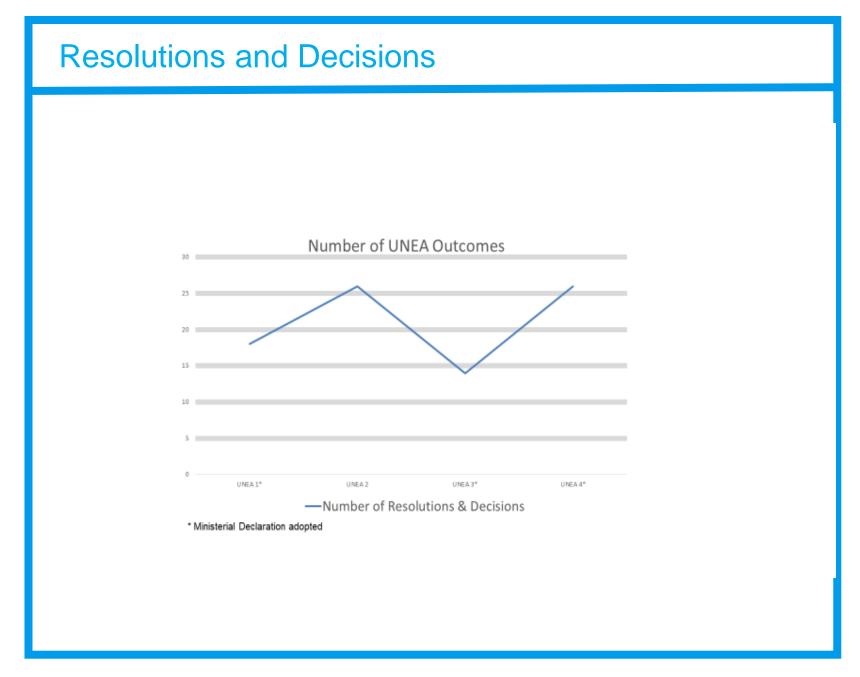
- 176 Member States/observer states represented; 132 at ministerial level (114 Ministers, 18 Deputy Ministers)
- 4,942 participants in total (43% Female, 54% Male, 3% not specified)
- 1,712 Member States delegates
- 120 IGO representatives (94 MEA and UNEP Entities)
- 917 NGO representatives
- 499 Private Sector/Trusts/Foundations representatives
- 72 independent experts
- 426 invited guests and speakers

# UNEA 4 – participation



### UNEA 4 – main political outcomes

- An important milestone for global environmental multilateralism
- Ministerial Declaration adopted
- 23 resolutions adopted
- 3 decisions adopted
- Programme of Work and Budget adopted
- Implementation plan "Towards a Pollution-Free Planet" welcomed
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Global Environment Outlook GEO-6 welcomed



### **Resolutions and Decisions**

UNEP/EA.4/HLS.1: Ministerial declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fourth session

UNEP/EA.4/RES.1: Innovative Pathways to Achieve Sustainable Consumption and Production UNEP/EA.4/RES.2: Promoting sustainable practices and innovative solutions for curbing food loss and waste UNEP/EA.4/RES.3: Sustainable Mobility UNEP/EA.4/RES.4: Addressing environmental challenges through sustainable business practices UNEP/EA.4/RES.5: Sustainable Infrastructure UNEP/EA.4/RES.6: Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics UNEP/EA.4/RES.7: Environmentally Sound Management of Waste UNEP/EA.4/RES.8: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste UNEP/EA.4/RES.9: Addressing Single-use Plastic Products Pollution UNEP/EA.4/RES.10: Innovations on biodiversity and land degradation UNEP/EA.4/RES.11: Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities UNEP/EA.4/RES.12: Sustainable Management for Global Health of Mangrove UNEP/EA.4/RES.13: Sustainable coral reefs management UNEP/EA.4/RES.14: Sustainable Nitrogen Management

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UNEP/EA.4/RES.15: Innovations in Sustainable Rangelands and Pastoralism UNEP/EA.4/RES.16: Conservation and Sustainable Management of Peatlands UNEP/EA.4/RES.17: Promote gender equality, and the human rights and empowerment of women and girls in environmental governance UNEP/EA.4/RES.18: Poverty Environment Nexus UNEP/EA.4/RES.19: Mineral resource governance UNEP/EA.4/RES.20: Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo V) "Delivering for People and the Planet" UNEP/EA.4/RES.21: Implementation Plan "Towards a Pollution-free Planet" UNEP/EA.4/RES.22: Implementation and follow up of UNEA resolutions and related activities

UNEP/EA.4/RES.23: Keeping the World Environment under Review: Enhancing United Nations Environment Programme's Science-Policy Interface and Endorsement of the Global Environment Outlook

Decision 4/1: Proposed programme of work and budget for 2020–2021 Decision 4/2: Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Decision 4/3: Management of Trust Funds and Earmarked Contributions

#### Resources

- UN Environment Website: https://www.unenvironment.org/
- Documents, agendas, draft resolutions: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/cpr</u>
- UNEA Website: <u>web.unep.org/environmentassembly/</u>
- Resources for Major Groups: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-</u> engagement
- Outcomes of Regional Meetings of Major Groups: <a href="https://goo.gl/2mZec2">https://goo.gl/2mZec2</a>
- Upcoming Major Group Meetings: https://www.unenvironment.org/civilsociety-engagement/meetings
- Stakeholder Engagement Handbook: <u>https://goo.gl/ECBMs2</u>

